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Open Cast Mining

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1. The Katzendorf open cast mining area has been extended up to Friedmannsdorf and Culmitzsch. Two farms in Friedmannsdorf have already been evacuated; six other farms in this area are scheduled for evacuation. In the period under review, about 4,000 workers were employed in the Katzendorf mining area. Only Sorte III ore is being mined. Since April 1955, norms have been increased by about 20%, and wages have fallen accordingly. Northwest of Katzendorf, in wooded land between Culmitzsch and Woltersdorf, the stripping of two new mining areas was begun in the autumn of 1954 but discontinued in the winter. It is expected that work will begin again if the areas dry out. 25X1
2. In the Gauern area, until the middle of April so much ore was mined that only part of it could be carted away; the remainder was stored in dumps. Since the middle of April, ore discoveries have been very poor, and the ore being shipped away comes mainly from the storage dumps. Only ore of Sorte III is being mined.
3. Until the middle of April, the mining areas were under water at Stolzenberg; two excavators were caught in the mire, and only one was able to continue working. Since the beginning of May, three excavators and 24 dump trucks have been working in this area. The mining area has been extended westward; now its dimensions are from north to south about 700 m. and from east to west about 80 m.

Underground Mining

4. Work on the underground collecting stations (Fuellorte) for the Zentralschacht Paitzdorf is being done by Object 29; underground excavations are now completed.
5. Little but Sorte III ore was mined at Zentralschacht Schmirchau during the period, April - June 1955. The two new Schachte east of the main Schacht at Schmirchau are already over 80 m. deep; the work is being done by Object 11.
6. A little Sorte II, but mostly Sorte III, ore is being mined at Zentralschacht

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Lichtenberg. About 100 workers have been transferred to the KVP, and their places are being taken by women.

Transport and Dispatch of Ore

7. At Ronneburg loading station during the first two weeks of June, an average of 45 railroad cars were loaded per shift with ore from Lichtenberg and Schmirchau. Crossen was the destination of most cars; a few trains travelled to Dresden-Gittersee.
8. At Gauern, 50 railroad cars per day were loaded with Sorte III ore. The destination of the cars was Crossen.
9. At the beginning of April, an average of 120 railroad cars per day, and from the middle of April to the middle of May about 150 cars per day were loaded at Truenzig. Most cars were destined for Crossen; some trains went to Dresden-Gittersee. A few trains went to Aue. All the trains going to Gittersee from Truenzig are loaded at a wooden ramp which was built in April about 150 m. east of the large loading installation.

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